



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER

AAUW = Advancing equity for women and girls. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO KIM CHURCHES:

I'm proud of what we've accomplished together this year: We've advanced equal-pay laws, taught women everywhere to negotiate for higher salaries, and released critical research on the leadership gap in non-profits across the US. Please take a look at AAUW's [online magazine Outlook](#), which highlights our 2018 accomplishments and exciting plans for the future/, I hope you enjoy perusing the issue, which goes into greater depth on the important work AAUW is doing on behalf of women and girls. With so many successes behind us, and a gathering energy driving us forward, the outlook for 2019 is promising indeed.

2019 could be an even bigger year for championing equity, especially given the historic number of diverse female leaders who won Congressional seats and governorships in November. AAUW is working on many fronts to ensure economic security for women and their families. We're advancing laws to narrow the pay gap. We're teaming up with employers to ensure their practices align with the modern workforce. And we've expanded our [Work Smart program](#) to train 10 million women in salary negotiation skills.

AAUW staff have been working on the agenda for the 116th Congress. Our top priority is to make sure that bills ensuring economic security for women, like the Paycheck Fairness Act, are ready to go when Congress convenes in January. We're continuing to work on priority issues in the administration as well — don't miss our [article](#) explaining the likely effects of the proposed Title IX regulations and the importance of continuing to protect survivors of sexual harassment and assault. We also met with Kenneth Marcus, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, to voice our concerns with the way the Department is enforcing civil rights laws for our nation's students. There is exciting potential in our priority areas in 2019, and we are also laying the groundwork for AAUW to lead the fight in defending our hard-won gains.

AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS



Presidents' Message for January: Cathy Thompson

Happy, Happy New Year!

Our annual Holiday Potluck Party was a resounding success! Your generous donations to the families at the Women Helping Women shelter were gratefully received and appreciated. The Executive Director, Sanoë Kaaihue, noted that you cannot know how much it means to the families in crisis. Mahalo to all who attended the Holiday Potluck Party and generously brought a donation. If you were unable to attend you may still send a donation of gift card or check to Women Helping Women, 1935 Main St., Suite 202, Wailuku 96793.

What are your resolutions and goals for 2019? Physical health for ourselves and families? Exercise? Healthy diets? Cognitive activities for brain health? Social engagement has been in the news recently as a critical component of health and longevity. You are in luck - AAUW Maui Branch provides us with many opportunities to engage socially – to work with thoughtful and intelligent women to change the climate and give all women a fair chance!

If one of your resolutions is to try something new, our branch has plenty of opportunities. For example, you could join the board as an executive member or committee chair or you could work on a committee, such as the Whale Watch committee or the Membership committee. Perhaps you would like to serve on the nominating committee, or maybe you would like to join or start a new interest group such as Bottles and Bites, or maybe you would like to arrange a field trip/event.

One way to jump in is to attend the Maui Branch Board Meeting on Sunday, January 13, at 1 p.m. at my house in Kahului. All members are welcome to participate in Branch Board Meeting discussions and decisions. Other ways include The Book Club which will be the first Saturday, January 5, and/or the Lunch Bunch which will be the second Tuesday, January 8 – see the announcements elsewhere in the Newsletter. Plus, we anticipate another enjoyable speaker meeting the fourth Saturday of the month, January 26, at Moose McGillicuddy's in Kihei.

January may have been named for Janus, an ancient Roman god. Janus was the god of beginnings, time, and endings. Often depicted as having two faces, he looks to the future and to the past. As we look back to the start of our AAUW year in July, we are proud of our branch's accomplishments to advance equity for women and girls. It is going to be a good month and one in which we all can start fresh with new resolve to be healthier and more engaged in our community. **Cathy Thompson**

HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY: Thirty-five members and guests attended our Branch Holiday Party at Janet and Bob Walker's home, bringing food and gifts. The food was delicious, and the beautifully wrapped gifts and cash gifts were passed on to the families at the Women Helping Women shelter. It was a festive evening, with longstanding friendships renewed and new ones made.



AAUW Maui Members Linda Martin, Sandi Boll and Marty-Jean Bender at the Holiday Party. J. Walker photo

Sanoë Kaaihua., the Executive Director of Women Helping Women, sent a letter of appreciation: "***Aloha to the American Association of University Women, Mahalo for your generosity! Our shelter families will be so surprised with the gifts. Currently we have 12 women and 9 children ranging in ages 1 month to 12 years old. Maholo for making their holiday merry and bright. Mahalo nui loa***

In their end of the year newsletter, Ms. Kaaihua notes that in the past year Women Helping Women provided emergency shelter to 250 women and children, helped 500 people of all ages to obtain restraining orders, received 1000 crisis calls to their hotline, and gave 30 presentations and training sessions to a combined audience of over 1200 people. They expect even greater demands for service next year. Another way to support their cause against domestic violence is to donate items to the **Revive Resale Boutique Thrift and Consignment Store** at 65 W. Kaahumanu Ave, and to shop there as well! Call 808-495-0067 for hours of operation.

BOB & JANET WALKER, OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY. Sandi Boll Photo.



AAUW PUBLIC POLICY NEWS from Janet Walker

Every two years, AAUW members vote on revisions to our Public Policy Priorities. Now through January 11, 2019, you can comment on and indicate support for the changes recommended by the AAUW Public Policy Committee. **Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to submit feedback on AAUW's 2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities!**

New Mission Statement: AAUW National has announced a new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan contains the new mission statement: "To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education and advocacy". Although it is very similar to the previous mission statement, the new statement emphasizes gender equality as part of our mission.

Deeper In Debt: Right now about 44 million borrowers in the US hold about 1.4 trillion in outstanding student loans. Women hold nearly 2/3rds of this debt - nearly 900 billion as of mid- 2018. The AAUW Deeper In Debt Report examines the experiences of women and offers a broad overview of how student debt became a women's issue. It relies heavily on publicly available federal government survey data as well as published studies undertaken by academics and organizations researching this issue. The report is available for download at www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/reports.

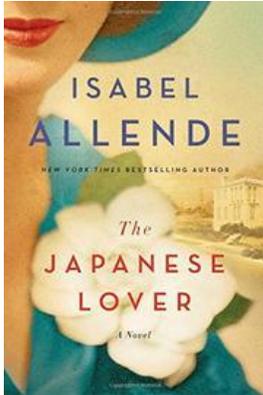
Work Smart: AAUW Work Smart aims to train 10 million women in salary negotiation by 2022. Whether you are currently employed or want to be in a position to advise and assist other women, we suggest you take AAUW's Work Smart online program. It's a fun, informative exercise in how to negotiate a higher salary with confidence, whether applying for a new job or trying to move up with a current employer. AAUW's goal is to close the gender pay gap by 2030 and the Work Smart program enables women to help make that happen.

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JANUARY

January 5th - Book Club
January 8th - Lunch Bunch
January 13 - Board Meeting
January 26th - Speaker Meeting

The AAUW Book Club will meet at **Martha Dean's** home in Pukalani on



Saturday, January 5, 2019 at noon. Marsha Palmer will lead a discussion of *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. Described as "A saga of a couple that keeps its affair secret for over half of a century," the novel carries us from 1939 to the present, As Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis, Alma Belasco's parents send her to live with an aunt and uncle in San Francisco. There she meets Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener. A love affair begins to blossom until the two are pulled apart following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Decades later Irina Bazili, a care worker, meets Alma's grandson, Seth, as he visits at a San Francisco nursing home. Intrigued by a series of mysterious

gifts and letters sent to Alma, they eventually learn about Ichimei and a secret passion that has endured for nearly seventy years.

Directions to Martha Dean Condo, 71 Makawao Ave. Apt. 1, Pukalani

From the Hana Hwy. turn onto the Haleakala Hwy. toward the Haleakala Mountain. Continue up the mountain through the stop lights for Haliimaile and Makani St. At the next stoplight turn right onto Makawao Avenue. On the right is the Pukalani Center with Kojima's Restaurant. At the driveway for the First Hawaiian Bank turn right and proceed to the back parking lot. It is ok to park there for the short time you will be here. Walk down hill of the driveway on the other side of the bank to the condo complex. Martha's unit is #1 right behind the mailboxes. All AAUW Maui members are welcome; please let Martha now if you plan to attend by email to mdean5@hawaii.rr.com. Please bring a bag lunch.

LUNCH BUNCH Tuesday, January 8th, 12 noon, will be at Colleen's at The Cannery, **Haiku**, 810 Haiku Road.

Colleen's Restaurant was scheduled some months ago, but many who wished to attend were unable to. Pat Gotschalk reports the lunch was wonderful and merits a return visit. Colleen's website says, "We offer organic local greens in our salads. Our fish is delivered fresh each day from Fresh Island Fish. Our beef burgers are made with hormone free beef from the Maui Cattle Company, and the bread for our sandwiches is made fresh daily." Please RSVP by Monday, January 7, 12 noon with your menu selection (see menu attached) to Janet Walker at 808-874-9435 or cell 530-409-0192 or by email to bjwalker@comcast.net (Lunch Bunch Coordinator Sara Green is unavailable this month.) As always, if you are unable to attend and must cancel, please call the restaurant directly at 808-575-9211 to avoid a charge for a prepared meal. *Do you have a suggestion for a restaurant to visit for February Lunch Bunch? Please let us know!*

AAUW Maui Branch Board Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 13th, at 1 p.m.** at Cathy Thompson's house at 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului. Please RSVP to Cathy at 808 268-1232 by phone or text message. A very light repast will be served.



AAUW MAUI BRANCH SPEAKER MEETING: will be held on **Saturday, JANUARY 26th at 10:30 a.m.** at Moose McGillycuddy's. Our speaker will be Dr. Natalie Gates. (photo on left). Dr. Gates has been the superintendent of Haleakalā National Park since March 2013. She graduated from Harvard College with a degree in Biology. She earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and a master's degree in Wildland Resource Management from the University of California at Berkeley. During her career in the National Park Service (NPS), Dr. Gates has worked as acting superintendent of Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area in eastern Washington and has completed detail assignments with the NPS Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs in Washington, D.C. and with the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at the NPS Pacific West Regional Office. Now she is in charge of Maui's own "mountain"; we look forward to her presentation. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus cost of food. Please reserve your spot by January 20th: Contact Virginia Shaw by email: aauwspeakermeeting@yahoo.com. Include your menu choice from the menu attached to this newsletter.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

JEANNE LINN JAN. 2
JULES MCLANE JAN. 15
PAM KALLNER JAN. 16
JENNIFER BOHLIN JAN. 28TH

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!